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Re: Office action of May 5, 2009 concerning:

-US Utility Patent application 10/814,504
-by Tracy
-filed on March 31, 2004
-for the "Foot Frame"
-confirmation #6464.

Edward F. Landrum:

I enclose two replacement drawing sheets and an amended claim section for the subject utility patent application. Please enter these replacement drawing sheets and amended claim section in the subject application.

Drawings

The objection to the drawings because "it is not understood where the actual location of the guide slots are" is obviated by entering the replacement drawings sheets in the subject application. The replacement drawings clarify the location of the guide slots by 1) relocating the reference numbers to make clear that the guide slots are not "formed as an opening between the frame and the dispensing device" and 2) correcting the figures to show that the guide slots guide the paper (see in particular figure 1 which has been amended to show the paper extending into the guide slot).

Please note: The change to Figures 3 and 6 which have been corrected to show that an open space exists between the dispensing device and the collection device as in the embodiment of figure 1 through 3 and that an open space exists between the dispensing device and the side of the frame opposite to the dispensing device in the embodiment of figure 4 through 6. This feature is disclosed in the detailed description as "A material which adheres to the floor 3 surface on which the Foot Frame 1 will be used should be chosen ..." (detailed description page 2 lines 2-4) Clearly the sanitary material could not adhere to the floor unless the open space now shown in figures 3 and 6 were a part of the present invention.

Specification

The objection to the specification being informal because "based on the drawings it is not understood how the dispensing device is attached to a side perpendicular to the dispensing device" is obviated by entering the replacement drawings in the subject

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